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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *31 January 2007*.

2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) *1-26* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) *1-26* is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-26 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Stevens, Patent #6,404,880.

Regarding claim 1, Stevens teaches a method for providing a notification of an

event, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a communication(col.5 lines 15-30);

in response to said receipt of said communication, performing the following steps:

determining an originating endpoint address on a network associated with said

received communication*(110 or 110A Fig.1 is originating endpoint address and col.5*

lines 15-30);

identifying one or more designated persons that have been previously

designated for said originating endpoint address , wherein at least one of said

designated persons is not a sender of said communication*(fig.2; subscriber subscribes*

to notification weather service and therefore has been previously designated as an

endpoint address; the weather service sends the communication, not the subscriber),

generating a notification message, and sending said notification message to said

one or more designated persons(col.7 lines 30-55).

Regarding claim 2, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said

notification message is provided to said one or more designated persons in accordance

with preference information specified by each of said one or more designated

persons(Fig.2).

Regarding claim 3, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1, wherein content for

said notification message is obtained substantially close in time to when said notification

message is provided to said one or more designated persons(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49,

and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 4, Stevens teaches the method of claim 2, wherein said

preference information includes at least one

media preference(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 5, Stevens teaches the method of claim 2, wherein said

preference information. includes at least one human language type preference(Fig.2,

col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 6, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1 wherein said endpoint

is identified based on a telephone number of a calling party associated with said

communication(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 7, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said

endpoint is identified based on an address

associated with said communication(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 8, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said

identifying, generating and sending steps are performed in response to said received

communication being placed to a specified telephone number(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 9, Stevens teaches the method of claim,1 , wherein said event is an emergency that has been reported to a receiver(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 10, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said event is a telephone call that has been placed to a help desk(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 11, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at least one

response to said notification message(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 12, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving at least one status update from at least one of said one or more designated third persons(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 13, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of dispatching an appropriate response to said communication(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 14, Stevens teaches the method of claim 13, further comprising the step of receiving at least one status update from a person associated with said appropriate response(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 15, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of notifying at least one of said one or more designated third persons of a

status update(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 16, Stevens teaches the method of claim 1, wherein said

notification message is provided to said one or more designated third persons in

accordance with a communication flow that describes whether each of said one or more

designated third persons is notified based on a response from at least one other of said

one or more designated persons(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 17, Stevens teaches an apparatus for providing a notification

of an event, comprising:

a memory and at least one processor, coupled to the memory(Fig.1), operative to:

receive a communication(col.5 lines 15-30);

in response to said receipt of said communication, perform the following:

determining an originating endpoint address on a network associated with said

received communication*(110 or 110A Fig.1 is originating endpoint address and col.5*

lines 15-30);

identifying one or more designated persons that have been previously

designated for said originating endpoint address, wherein at least one of said

designated persons is not a sender of said communication*(fig.1 and col.5 lines 15-44;*

subscriber subscribes to notification weather service and therefore has been previously

designated as an endpoint address; the weather system sends the communication, not

the subscriber);

generate a notification message, and send said notification message to said one

or more designated persons(col.7 lines 30-55).

Regarding claim 18, Stevens teaches the apparatus of claim 17, wherein said notification message is provided to said one or more designated persons in accordance with preference information specified by each of said one or more designated persons(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 19, Stevens teaches the apparatus of claim 17, wherein said endpoint is identified based on a telephone number of a calling party associated with said communication(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 20, Stevens teaches the apparatus of claim 17, wherein said endpoint is identified based on an address associated with said communication(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 21, Stevens teaches the apparatus of claim 17 wherein said event is an emergency that has been reported to a receiver(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 22, Stevens teaches the apparatus of claim 1.7, wherein said event is a telephone call that has been

placed to.a help desk(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 23, Stevens teaches the apparatus of claim 1.7, wherein said processor is further configured to receive at least one response to said notification message(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 24, Stevens teaches the apparatus of claim 17, wherein said processor is further configured to receive at least one status update(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 25, Stevens teaches the apparatus of claim 17 wherein said

processor is further configured to

dispatch an appropriate response to said communication(Fig.2, col.2 lines 34-49, and

col.3 lines 12-36).

Regarding claim 26, Stevens teaches an article of manufacture for providing a

notification of an event(Fig.1), said article of manufacture comprising a machine

readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement

the steps of: receiving a communication(col.5 lines 15-30);

in response to said receipt of said communication, performing the following steps:

determining an originating endpoint address on a network associated with said

received communication*(110 or 110A Fig.1 is originating endpoint address and col.5*

lines 15-30);

identifying one or more designated persons that have been previously

designated for said originating endpoint address, wherein at least one of said

designated persons is not a sender of said communication*(fig.1 and col.5 lines 15-44;*

subscriber subscribes to notification weather service and therefore has been previously

designated as an endpoint address; the weather system sends the communication, not

the subscriber);

generating a notification message and sending said notification message to each

of said one or more designated persons(Fig.1 and col.7 lines 30-55).

Response to Arguments

2.   Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

It is noted new line references and embodiment of weather alert notification are used in the above rejection and an explanation of teaching in Stevens is italicized. Applicant is welcomed to contact examiner if further explanation is needed.

Conclusion

3.   Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph T. Phan whose telephone number is (571) 272-7544. The examiner can normally be reached Mon-Fri 9am-6pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for

the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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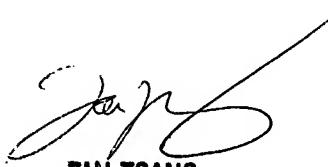
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